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1. GIORDANO ET AL: "Diheteroarylethenes as thermally stable photoswitchable acceptors in photochromic fluorescence resonance energy transfer (pcFRET)," J.AM.CHEM. SOC., 2002, pages 7481-7489, Vol. 124, No. 25, USA (in English)
2. EP 0 668 498 A2 (in English)
3. KIRSCH ET AL: "Fluorescence resonance energy transfer detected by scanning near-field optical microscopy," Journal of Microscopy, 1999, pages 448-454, Vol. 194, UK (in English)
4. GREEMERS ET AL: "Red-shifted mutants of green fluorescent protein: reversible photoconversions studied by hole-burning and high-resolution spectroscopy," Chemical Physics, 2002, pages 109-121, Vol. 275, No. 1-3, Elsevier, Netherlands (in English)

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